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## WHO NAMED THE CONTINENTS AMERICA?

You must be mature and include the Europeans for their important role, especially Vespicci for his experiment of sailing along the equator and then invent the formula for measuring the circumference of a sphere, that resulted in the Waldseemuller and Mercator naming the continents AMERICA.

... also, all Europeans are not equal, especially when you deal with the English! vs. the Latins.

The English did pay a wage to its government employees.

Please note: European civilization is based on the expansion of wheat or mulinary culture of The food stuffs must have fertile soil to feed this population growth.

The Spanish did not pay any money - but gave a commission for landrights or "noble" franchise that required exploitation of local resources. The wheat trade on the Pacific has a particular influence. Did the Chinese have wheat to feed its people as explorers. Corn is a wonderful food staple

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They examined the Chinese voyages of exploration led by Zheng He and the initial Portuguese voyages around Africa to India and Calicut. Now they turn to the Spanish and Portuguese voyages across the Atlantic begun by Columbus. As a result of these voyages, new oceanic routes connected nearly every inhabited part of the world. The Early Modern Period witnessed greater global connection and exchange, as European conquests and encounters in the Americas linked both hemispheres in significant ways. People, plants, and animals were introduced to places where they had previously been unknown.